THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (f) Questions do not arise.

Failure of Bt Cotton

3205. DR. M.N. DAS:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been receiving continuous report from NGOs on large-scale failure of Bt cotton in various parts of the country and Centre has sent reminders to all the State Government to send an official performance appraisal on India's first GM crop;

(b) if so, whether number of companies are said to be preparing the ground for introduction of Bt cotton for test trials this season;

(c) whether the companies are seeking the Ministry's nod for environmental clearance and the regulatory authority for testing the seed; and

(d) if so, which centre has successfully tested the trials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV):(a) Greenpeace, an environmental organization and some newspapers have reported low yield of Bt cotton in the drought prone areas. For the Kharif 2002 season, the Committees constituted by the Ministry visited some of the Bt cotton fields. The Committees observation on the field situation on the basis of discussion with the farmers indicated that the performance of Bt cotton is satisfactory in terms of bollworm infestation and reduction in use of pesticide sprays. However, in view of the newspaper reports regarding failure of Bt cotton, the respective State Dept. of Agriculture and Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur were requested to submit a detailed report on the performance of Bt Cotton. The analysis of the various reports indicates that, the performance of Bt cotton cannot be established based

on one year data. It has therefore been decided to evaluate its performance for a period of three years.

(b) to (d) The Ministry has received request only from M/s Rasi Seeds Company Ltd. for conducting large scale trials of 4 Bt cotton hybrids developed by the Company. The GEAC has advised the compnay to carry out additional trials and ICAR trials during Kharif 2003.

Funds to States under CADF

3206. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far allotted to the States from the Coastal Area Development Fund during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government of West Bengal sought fund assistance from the CADF; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not complying with the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) The Government has no fund known as Coastal Area Development Fund. However, for the purpose of conservation and protection of the critical coastal eco-systems and to achieve sustainable development in the coastal areas, the Government has commissioned preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans (ICZM) for the following States/Union Territories:

State/Union Territory	Year of commencement	Amount released from Govt. of India/other sources
Kerala	2001	Rs.40,00,000/-
Andaman and Nicobar	2002	Rs.82,77,700/-
Lakshadweep	2002	Rs.75,60,000/-
Karnataka	2003	Rs.90,04,000/-
West Bengal	2003	Rs.30,82,000/-

Further, under the Scheme on Conservation and Management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs, an amount of Rs.14.10 crores was released